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REMARKS

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- 25X1 1. During the night of 20 October 1950, trucks ☐  
 25X1 ☐ towing 120-mm  
 25X1 mortars, moved from the Halle (H 52/D 92) freight station toward  
 25X1 the Luftnachrichten Schule.
2. During the same night tanks ☐ and a tractor  
 25X1 moved from the Ammendorf freight station toward Wörmnitz. A train  
 of about 20 closed boxcars and an unknown number of flatcars  
 carrying 23 trucks, two large and two small scout cars, one tank  
 truck with two trailers, two limbers and two sidecar motorcycles was  
 standing at Ammendorf freight station. About 25 percent of the trucks  
 were new.
3. Between 8 and 11:15 p.m. on 21 October, ☐ motor vehicles  
 25X1 moved from the Halle freight station toward the center of the city ☐  
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- 25X1 Eleven trucks ☐ towed guns of about  
 100 mm. (1) At 8:15 p.m. on 29 October more than five trucks, occupied  
 25X1 by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying baggage, drove  
 25X1 toward the Halle freight station. ☐  
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4. The billeting area of the Luftnachrichten Schule, including the Flieger-  
 horst Kaserne and the former Nietleben insane asylum, was occupied to  
 25X1 capacity by not less than 2,000 troops. Motor vehicles ☐  
 25X1 ☐ hauled raw lignite to the boiler house. Tank truck ☐  
 25X1 and two tanks were standing at the fuel dump. Soldiers observed in the  
 25X1 Luftnachrichten Schule wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with  
 25X1 tank and artillery insignia; and those observed in the Fliegerhorst

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Kaserne were chiefly red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia and some black-bordered red epaulets. The motor vehicles stationed in the billeting area were estimated at 300. Between 20 October and 2 November groups of up to 50 soldiers with closely cropped hair were seen drilling.

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6. The Flak Kaserne, Woermilitz, was occupied by not less than 2,000 troops. SP gun [ ] and two canvas-covered tanks were seen in the billeting area. Additional tanks or SP guns were in the garage at the northern front of the installation. Most of the soldiers observed in the billeting area wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery and tank insignia, and very few soldiers wore black-bordered black epaulets, one of them with signal insignia. Forty to fifty percent of the troops were recruits.

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7. The occupation of the Kluever Kaserne on Dessauerstrasse had apparently been changed. VP personnel were seen in the barracks yard and one policeman stood guard at the barracks gate. In the garage, however, there were still motor vehicles [ ] whereas no Soviet soldiers were seen. Since soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets were recently observed in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, [ ] the troops from the Kluever Kaserne have moved to that installation. (6)

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8. The Reil Kaserne was occupied by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered green epaulets. Many officers were observed there. [ ] the ratio between officers and NCOs at about 20 to 100. Motor vehicles [ ] were identified in the billeting area. (7)

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[ ] Comments.

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- (1) Components of the 21st Gds Mecz Div which returned to the post.

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[ ] previously reported that elements of this division returned to their quarters in the Luftnachrichten Schule between 11 and 18 October. [ ]

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- (2) Probably trained soldiers going to a collection point for processing to the U.S.S.R.

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- (3) In the winter and spring of 1950 the billeting area of the Luftnachrichten Schule and the Fliegerhorst Kaserne was reportedly occupied by 2,500 to 3,000 troops. Only components of the 21st Gds Mecz Div were stationed there. [ ]

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The present report indicates that probably all units of the 21st Gds Mecz Div returned to their quarters.

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- (4) [ ] unidentified Gds Mtrcl Bn, probably the 114th, of the 21st Gds Mecz Div in Halle up to 28 September 1950.

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[ ] an unidentified unit of the 21st Gds Mecz Div in Halle up to 28 September 1950.

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- (5) According to periodic reports, the Flak Kaserne in Halle-Woermlitz quarters the 68th Gds Mecz Regt of the 21st Gds Mecz Div [ ]

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[ ] return of components of the 21st Gds Mecz Div to this installation between 10 and 18 October. [ ]

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- (6) According to previous information, the Aluever Kaserne had been occupied by supply and maintenance units of the GORP and SCC.

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- (7) According to the last report [ ] the Reil Kaserne quarters an LVD unit of about 400 men. [ ]

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